

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 3, line 26, with the following:

X While the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in FIG. 4, other electrode structures are readily fabricated as illustrated in section views of FIGS. 6 and 7. In FIG. 6 a support rod 68 is again provided for supporting the transducer 70 and the backing epoxy 72. Elements 74 and 75 are conductors and insulative portions, respectively, and are used analogously to such elements in the previous figures.

Replace the paragraph beginning at column 3, line 41, with the following:

^ The apparatus for cannulation of blood vessels as described above is readily utilized in the Seldinger technique for blood vessel cannulation. After the needle is inserted and guided to a vein by the Doppler techniques, the vein is penetrated as indicated by back flow of blood through the needle to the ~~syringe~~ [container portion]. The ~~syringe~~ [container] is then removed from the needle and the connector, and the stylet is then removed from the needle. A wire is placed through the needle into the vein, and the needle is then removed. Finally, a prosthesis is guided into position in the vein by the wire and the wire is then removed.

REMARKS

In the above-captioned application, claims 1-22 (as renumbered) are pending and have been allowed.

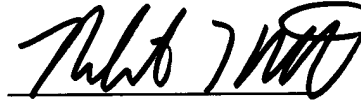
In the official action, the Examiner required that amendments to the specification must include the entire paragraph, in accordance with MPEP Section 1453.

By the foregoing amendment, the amendments to the specifications set forth in the amendments filed December 17, 1991, and April 28, 1993, have been restated in the form of requests to replace entire paragraphs in the specification.

In view of the foregoing amendment, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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